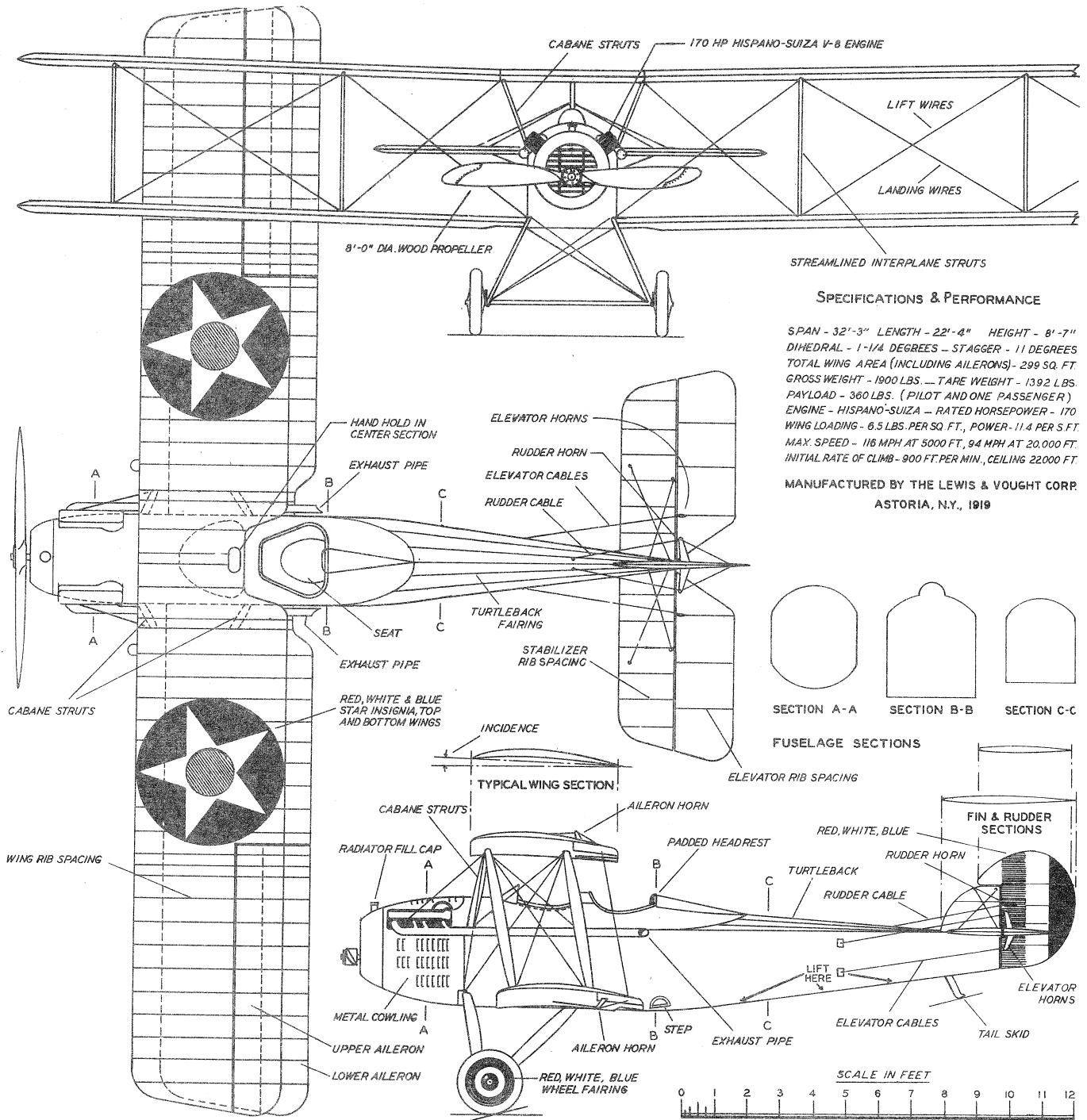


# CHANCE VOUGHT AIRCRAFT in Three-View Form...

## LEWIS & VOUGHT VE-7



First Chance Vought production model, the VE-7, was produced by the Lewis & Vought Corporation at their Astoria, N. Y., plant in 1919. Designated as a two-seat trainer the VE-7 was, in the words of Brig. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell, "Superior in flying qualities to all military one and two-seat fighters of the period and more maneuverable than the French Spad and the British S.E.5". Entered in the Pulitzer

Trophy races it placed among the better contenders, almost beating the specialized racers against which it flew. In slightly modified form it became the VE-9, a central-float seaplane which was one of the first planes procured by the U. S. Navy as a shipboard aircraft and the direct ancestor of the fabulous Corsair series.